

# WASHINGTON CEMETERY HISTORIC TRUST

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## **Executive Director's Report**

In observance of Glenwood's 150th anniversary this year, we are excited to announce that in November, we broke ground on the new Center for Glenwood, a multi-use administrative office and welcome facility. This is an important milestone in Glenwood's history as we shape the next 150 years.

The Center will enhance Glenwood's capacity to care for both Glenwood and Washington Cemetery, and serve lot owners, cemetery visitors, and the larger Houston community. It will provide an ample gathering space to host receptions and other events, enable access to Glenwood's archives for research and educational purposes, engage the community through various program offerings, and advance and

promote Glenwood's historic significance in the City of Houston.

The project also includes moving the existing entryway about 60 feet east on Washington Avenue, moving the utilities underground along most of Glenwood's frontage, and additional parking. The Center is expected to be completed early in 2023.

We encourage you to visit the cemetery while construction is underway, but note that the entrance will be from Kane St. during construction (see page 4).

Richard A. Ambrus, Executive Director  
Glenwood and Washington Cemeteries

## Clements' Corner

Compiled with assistance from Anna Larie Sontag Keith, Jacqueline Klein, Gerald Ziemnicki, and the historical section of the Hermann Sons Life website:

<https://www.hermannsonslife.org/who-we-are/history>

### PLOT A-115

## Magnolia Lodge No. 7, Sons of Hermann

*Der Orden der Hermann Söhne* (O.D.H.S), or the Order of the Sons of Hermann, a fraternal organization, was founded in New York City in 1840 specifically for men of German ancestry. Hermann the Cherusker, also known by his Latinized name Arminius, was a German warrior, born about 18 B.C., who led the destruction of three legions of Roman soldiers in 9 A.D., thus preventing the Roman conquest of the Germanic peoples.

The first Texas lodge, Harmonia, was founded in San Antonio on July 6, 1861, and in 1876, a life insurance program was added, which became a membership requirement and led to the group's current name, Hermann Sons Life, which was adopted in 2017.

Harmonia was the only lodge in Texas until 1890, when lodges were established in Austin, Taylor, Waco, Temple, Brenham, Houston, and La Grange, in just two months. Magnolia Lodge No. 7 was chartered on March 18, 1890. When the Grand Lodge of Texas was formed on March 27, 1890, August Menger of Houston was named a Trustee. Magnolia Lodge No. 7 hosted the Grand Lodge annual meeting in April 1892. (Sadly, Menger died a year later and is buried in his family lot, C-015.)

A ladies' auxiliary, Edelweiss Lodge No. 4, was instituted on November 9, 1896. By 1991, there were 80,000 members in 163 Sons of Hermann lodges in Texas, and about 2000 members in Houston. On January 1, 2004, the two lodges merged to become Edelweiss-Magnolia Lodge, No. 47, which is still active in the Heights.

August von Haxthausen of Houston (owner of Lot B-097 where his mother and two of his children are buried) served as Grand President 1913-1917. During his tenure the grand lodge opened the *Altenheim* (Home for the Aged) in Comfort, Texas in 1916. It is still in operation.

Magnolia Lodge purchased Lot A-115 in the German Cemetery on March 2, 1895. The first person buried here was George Rowold, an immigrant from Oldenburg who was a member of the Cat Springs ODHS lodge when he died on February 13, 1897. The only woman among the 13 recorded burials is Katie (Mrs. Julius) Fuerstenberg, 29, who died August 30, 1900. The last three persons buried here are Charles W. Simmons, who died on April 21, 1933, and his newborn grandchildren, twins Dale and Gale Whitaker, who died on August 1, 1940.

## In Memoriam: Dr. A. Charles Jackson

Arthur Charles Jackson, M. D, son of Arthur Charles and Juanita Marie (Carl) Jackson, was born in Houston on November 8, 1941. Among his Carl relatives buried in Washington Cemetery are his great-grandparents Adolph and Barbara Sander Carl, grandfather Otto Leo Carl, and aunt Alice Carl Noland, daughter-in-law of William Lee Noland, the long-time cemetery superintendent.

He graduated from Rice University in 1964, and became a urological surgeon with a 22-year career as a captain in the U.S. Navy and a private practice in Jackson, MS. Following in the footsteps of his cousin, Carl Curry, CCWCC president 1982-1984, Charles served as a WCHT Trustee from 2001 until his death. During his tenure on the Board he was instrumental in the restoration of the original fountain.

He died on March 25, 2021 at age 79 in Jackson, where he had lived since 1976. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Fitzhugh Lee Jackson, daughters Mary Etta Troclair and Elizabeth Jackson, son John Henry, granddaughter Ava Catherine, brother Donald, and cousin Linda Bell Burton, a current WCHT Trustee.

## In Memoriam: James L. Daily

James Louis Daily, Jr., only son of James Louis Daily and Cordelia "Delia" Holland, and a fifth-generation Houstonian, was born in Houston on December 2, 1929. Numerous relatives, including his grandparents, Joseph and Catherine Richter Holland, and great-grandparents William and Catherine Bockel Richter, are buried in Washington Cemetery.

He graduated from Rice University in 1951, and later became a Certified Public Accountant. Following his Air Force service in Korea, he began a 30-year career with Tenneco, retiring in 1985 as Vice President and Controller. Jim served as WCHT Treasurer from 1997 through 2004, a period that required keeping the books for both WCHT and Concerned Citizens for Washington Cemetery Care, and negotiating the 1999 CCWCC merger unto Glenwood Cemetery Inc.

Jim died on April 17, 2021, at age 91, and was buried in Washington Cemetery beside three generations of his ancestors. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Ginger (who also served as a WCHT Trustee for three years, 2002 to 2004), daughter Kathy Segner, sons Jim Daily III and Rick Daily, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

## Financial Report – Fiscal Year 2021

During the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, net assets increased by \$3,723. Income for the year decreased by \$3,476 compared to the previous year. Although donations increased by \$215, interest income decreased by \$3,691, due to lower interest rates and interest payments not

received until Certificates of Deposit mature. The fair market value of investments at September 30, 2021 exceeds our basis by \$6,047. Contributions to WCHT support projects such as the historic fountain restoration, new Strangers Rest markers, historical research, and our website. We are grateful for all of our generous donors.

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### INCOME and EXPENSES (Unaudited) – Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021

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#### WASHINGTON CEMETERY HISTORIC TRUST

<b>Net Assets – October 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$136,131</b>		
REVENUE: Operations/Administration	\$ 4,128	EXPENSES: Strangers Rest Project	\$ 0
Restoration/Improvements	1,800	Historical Research	384
Historical Projects	<u>0</u>	Administration & Website	728
Total Donations	<b>\$ 5,928</b>	Newsletter	1,491
Interest Income	<u>573</u>	Investment Expense	<u>175</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 6,501</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,778</b>
		<b>Net Assets – September 30, 2021</b>	<b><u>\$139,854</u></b>

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ASSETS: Cash – Checking	\$ 5,149	EQUITY: Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 135,553
Investments	134,705	Temp. Restricted Net Assets	<u>4,301</u>
	<b><u>\$139,854</u></b>		<b><u>\$139,854</u></b>

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WCHT is a 501(c)(3) organization and all Trustees are volunteers. We do not sell, rent, or share the WCHT mailing list. There are several ways to participate in the projects and activities of Washington Cemetery:

- Mail a check to Washington Cemetery Historic Trust, P.O. Box 63592, Pipe Creek, TX 78063-3592.
- Make a donation online by going to our website, <https://washingtoncemetery.org>, and click on Make a Donation under the Quick Links on the right-hand side of the home page.
- Shop at Randalls and link your Remarkable Card to Washington Cemetery Historic Trust (2810).
- Shop at Kroger and link your Kroger Plus Card to Washington Cemetery Historic Trust (VV473).
- Shop online at AmazonSmile and select Washington Cemetery Historic Trust as your non-profit.
- Volunteer to help with research or contacting families of persons buried in unmarked graves.

Thank you for your support of historic Washington Cemetery.

WASHINGTON CEMETERY HISTORIC TRUST		
Donor Name _____	ID No. _____	Phone No. _____
E-mail Address _____		Future newsletters will be e-mailed
_____ 2022 Annual Donation (\$25.00)	Strangers Rest name(s) _____	
_____ Strangers Rest Marker(s) (\$100.00 each)	_____	
_____ Fountain and Gravesite Restoration	Your interest in Washington Cemetery	_____
_____ Printed Newsletter Subscription (\$5.00)	_____	_____
_____ TOTAL	Matching Gift from _____	

## Strangers Rest Marker Project

We're happy to report some recent progress on this longstanding project. Ten new markers were recently received and will be installed by Glenwood in early December. The new markers honor Vernon Bickley (1927), Francis M. Conklin (1893), David G. Griese (1925), twins Eugenia & Margarita Guajardo (1925), Margarita Guajardo (1927), twins Luisa & Petra Guajardo (1928), Elsie Reta Meehan (1922), and Bernard Leigh Meehan (1923). Research is continuing on another group to be done in the Spring.

There are now 46 markers completed out of about 600 graves that need to be marked. It's not a supply chain problem – we already have the blank polished granite markers. What we need is more volunteers to confirm the names, dates, and places, and to reach out to the families to be sure the information is correct before it is, literally, "carved in stone."

If you can help, or if you have a loved one buried in an unmarked Strangers Rest grave, we encourage you to contact WCHT Vice President Cathy Fitch at [StrangersRest@WashingtonCemetery.org](mailto:StrangersRest@WashingtonCemetery.org), or contact Glenwood Cemetery at (713) 864-7886.

## Thank You to Our Supporters

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has made donations, subscribed to our email newsletter, shared family information that helped us clarify cemetery records, purchased Strangers Rest markers, or assisted in any other way with the continuing efforts to restore and enhance Washington Cemetery and its records. Thank you for your generosity.

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## 2021 Washington Cemetery Burials

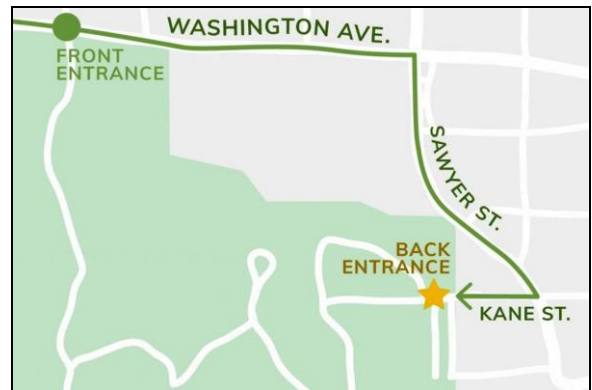
The following nine persons have been laid to rest in Washington Cemetery since August 2020.

	<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Burial Date</u>
Joseph Houston Rentz, Jr.	H-051	21 Jan 2021
Bahran Embaye*	B-012A	03 Apr 2021
James Louis Daily, Jr.	A-031	24 Apr 2021
Norman Allen Rund	G-044	17 July 2021
Linda Ann Emmick Bradford*	G-044	08 Oct 2021
Robert Lacy Wullschleger	F-007A	15 Oct 2021

\* Delayed interment (more than two weeks)

## Temporary Entrance During Construction

The front entrance of Glenwood Cemetery will be closed starting November 1, 2021 through the end of 2022. We apologize for any inconvenience.



## 2022 Calendar of Events

Glenwood Cemetery Annual Meeting (tentative)  
Thursday, May 19, 10:00 a.m., Lora Jean Kilroy  
Visitor and Education Center at Bayou Bend,  
6003 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77007